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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

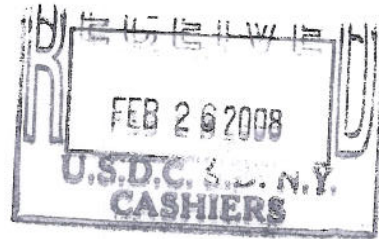
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J. ARON & COMPANY, on its own :  
Behalf and as Administrative Agent for the :  
Co-Lenders, :  
:

Plaintiff, :

- against - :

OSYKA PERMIAN, LLC, OSYKA :  
CORPORATION, and MICHAEL F. :  
HARNESS, :

Defendants. :  
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**JUDGE BAER**  
**08 CV 1866**  
Case No.:

**RULE 7.1 STATEMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure ("FRCP"), and to enable Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for Plaintiff J. Aron & Company (a private non-governmental party) hereby certifies that it is a New York general partnership whose general partners, The J. Aron Corporation and J. Aron Holdings, L.P., are wholly-owned, either directly or indirectly, by The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

Dated: New York, New York  
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